

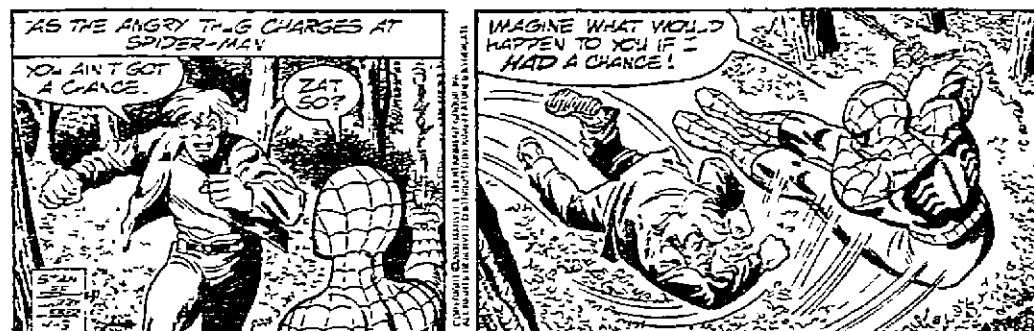
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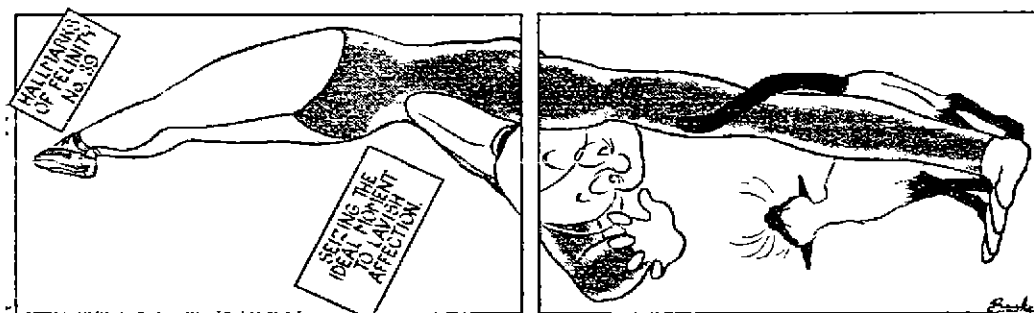
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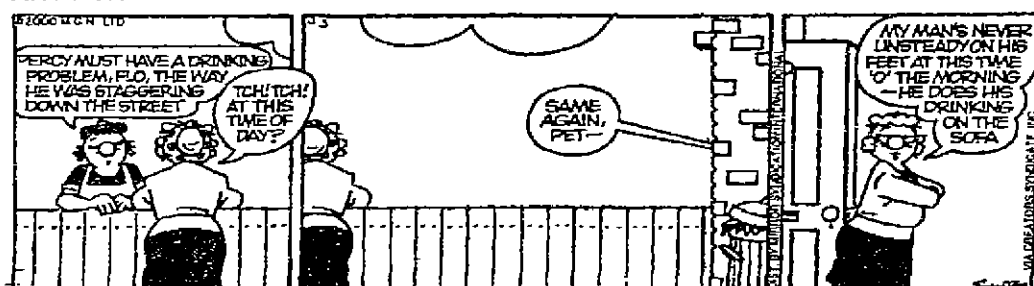
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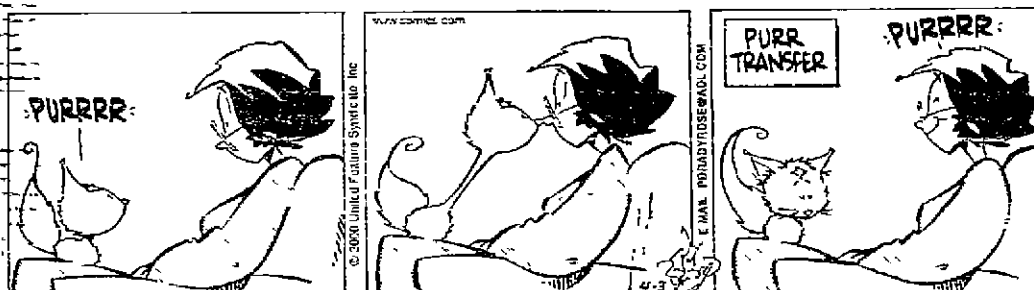
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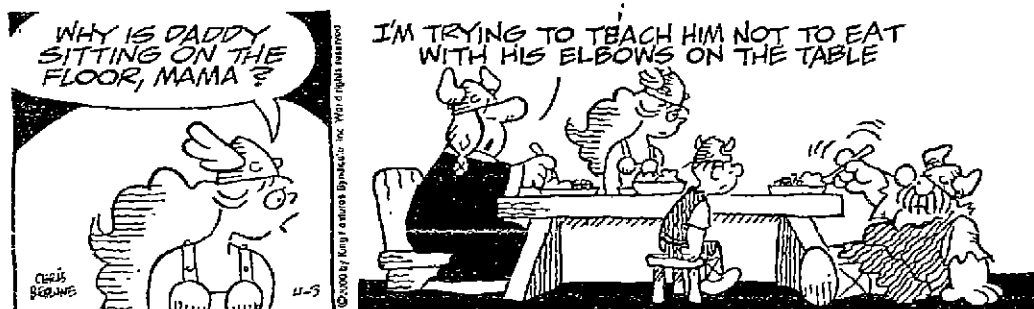
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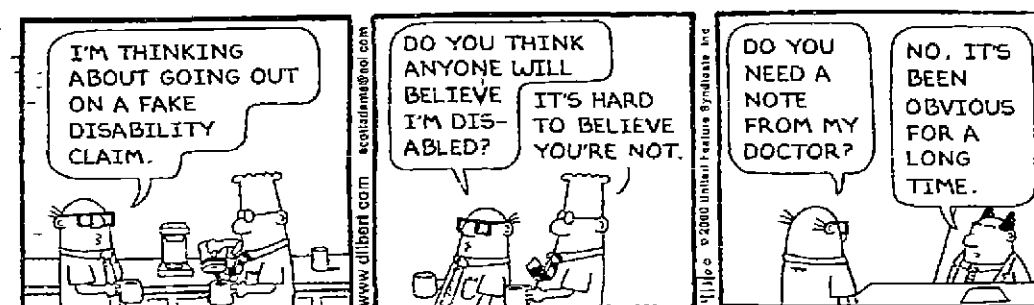
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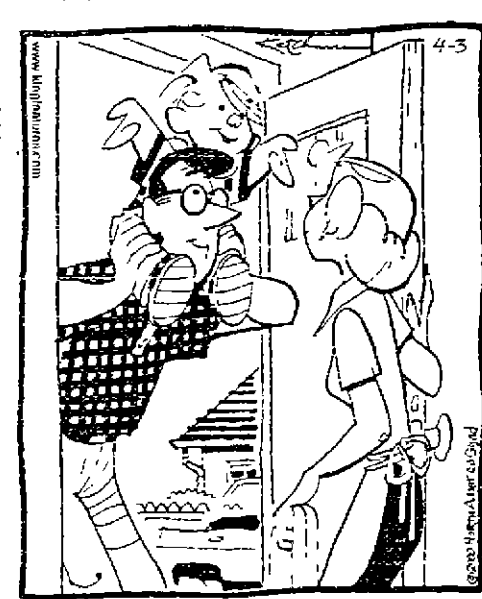
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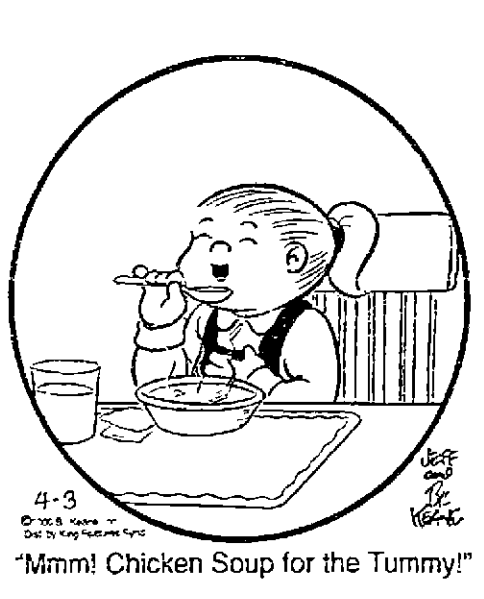
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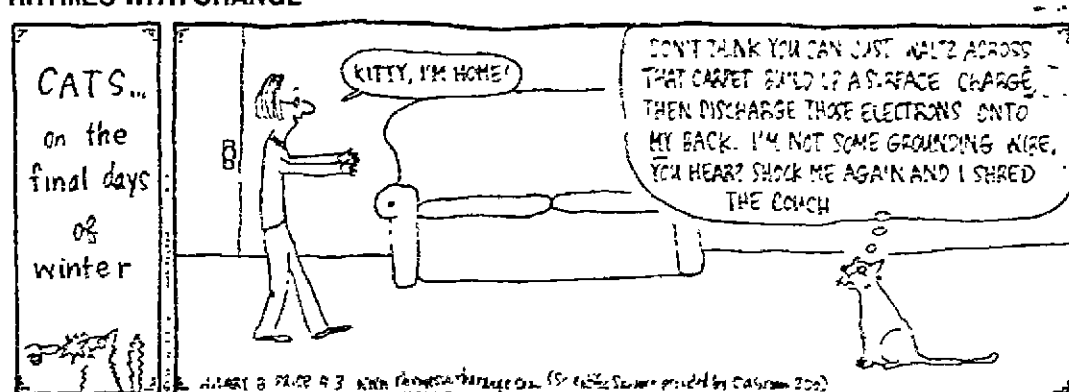
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Marlon Brando is 76
Actress-singer Dora Day is 76.
Actress Miyoshi Umeki is 71.
Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is 70. Country singer Don Gibson is 68. Jazz musician Jimmy McGriff is 64. Actor William Bant is 63. Singer Jan Berry (Jan and Dean) is 59.
Actress Marsha Mason is 58. Singer Wayne Newton is 58. Singer Billy Joe Royal is 58. Singer Tony Orlando is 56.

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PAR SCORE 135-145
BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. Blank used as any letter have no point value. A word's points are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Warner) and OGI Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

—PETER

H D B Y W T R P M K I F D B A
Y W T E S R E L L E S U S N E
Q O H V R M G K I F R H D L D
F B E Z O R X W U S E T O Q S
B O G D A N O V I C H O O N G
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Saturday's unlisted clue OYSTER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: A HARE

And the Wolf Bogdanovich
Falk
Fonda Forsberg
Graves Pan
Lorre O'Toole
Sellers
The Great Ueberroth
Ustinov

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

After South wins his heart ace, if he counts on both black suits behaving to yield 11 winners, he is a naive optimist. He crosses to dummy's trump ace and finesse on the way back, losing to West's queen.

After West cashes his heart jack, he leads a third trump. South's game now depends on dropping the club jack. When it doesn't fall, South must concede a loser in every suit, sending the game one down. After winning his heart ace, South should cash the ace and king of trumps, rejecting the chance to pick up five trump winners. Then he plays on clubs. When his top clubs survive, he ruffs a low club with dummy's last trump and can claim his 10 winners. What if an opponent ruffs South's club queen with the outstanding trump? It wouldn't matter. South could still ruff a club in dummy to establish his fifth club, holding his losses to only three tricks. Many "scientists" would not reach today's excellent spade game. Instead of opening the major, they would favor an opening of one club. After North scrapes up a one-heart response, the excellent spade game might fall by the wayside, unless North and South are pushed by the opponents.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 5 3		♠ 8 7	
♥ 9 8 5 4 2		♥ K 6 3	
♦ Q 10 J		♦ A J 7 6 4 2	
♣ 6 4		♣ 7 2	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q 9 4		♠ K J 10 6 2	
♥ Q J 10		♥ 4 7	
♦ K 9 8		♦ 3	
♣ J 9 8 3		♣ A K Q 10 5	

Vulnerable East West Dealer South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

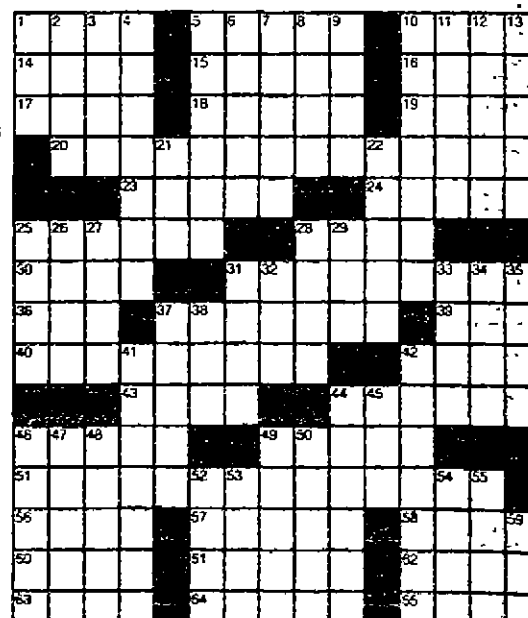
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0221

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old Russian leader
 - 5 Hogwash
 - 10 Dressed
 - 14 Early political caucus state
 - 15 Land divided at the 38th parallel
 - 16 Letterman rival
 - 17 Al- (valuable support group)
 - 18 Tehran native
 - 19 Hint of things to come
 - 20 Venerable public servant
 - 23 Sharp
 - 24 Timothy who took trips
 - 25 Frankie of "Beach Blanket Bingo"
 - 28 The "E" in Q.E.D.
 - 30 Fish's breathing organ
 - 31 Occurring involuntarily
 - 36 Three ____ match
 - 37 Children's card game
 - 39 ____ Got a "Secret"
 - 40 "Burn" author
 - 42 Search, as the horizon
 - 43 Who, what or where sentence: Abbr.
 - 44 Presentable
 - 46 Capital of South
 - 48 Stubbard as ____
 - 51 Colendge character
 - 56 Lay ____ the line
 - 57 Give a speech
 - 58 Verve
 - 60 Verne captain
 - 61 Führer's followers
 - 62 Puerto ____
 - 63 "Jurassic Park" terror
 - 64 Big tournaments
 - 65 Tibetan beasts
- DOWN**
- 1 Grp with informants
 - 2 Area
 - 3 One who's off base, maybe
 - 4 Klugman's co-star in 70's TV
 - 5 Slope for slalom
 - 6 Least desirable
 - 7 Angry
 - 8 Home or Olin
 - 9 Café au ____
 - 10 Near
 - 11 Auxiliary proposition, in math
 - 12 Land ____ (listen)
 - 13 An Osmond
 - 21 Prefix with system or sphere
 - 22 Endangered antelope
 - 25 Intensely interested
 - 26 In ____ ventas
 - 27 Banned orchard chemical
 - 28 And others. Abbr.
 - 29 Louis XIV, e.g.
 - 31 Does sums
 - 32 Thurman of "The Avengers"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STORMTRACK ECRU
COSTICAPICAN THAN
EPISCOPATE NAGS
NPR EYED WRAITH
ELIE REBBE NRA
SESAME MAES MAP
SICKEST DADE
SILENCE STAINED
AMYL EELIEST
CPR ANNE RAKERS
KAI STEAL ALOT
RICHER REDO OAR
ARIA ISMTITITIE
CEST CLEMATITIE
ERTE SORELOSERS



Puzzle by Randy Sowell

- 33 Cheese nibblers
- 34 A "temple"
- 35 Penny
- 37 Rudimentary seed
- 38 Tell whoppers
- 41 March 21 occurrence
- 42 Overlook's offering
- 44 Coercion
- 45 Yale student
- 46 Benevolent one
- 47 Go in
- 48 Entreaty to "at ye faithful"
- 49 Wow
- 50 Morning, in Montmartre
- 52 Unacceptable act
- 53 Links hazard
- 54 Charles Lamb's pseudonym
- 55 Torture device
- 59 Phone book listings: Abbr.

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